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## FORMER MARKSVILLE POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Defendant sentenced for defrauding insurance company

**Alexandria, Louisiana** . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **HERBERT GUILLOT, JR.,** age 37, of Marksville, Louisiana, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Dee Drell to spend 15 months in prison for his role in an insurance fraud scheme. GUILLOT was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$10,640.

GUILLOT was convicted by a federal jury in November 2005 on charges of conspiracy, concealment of assets and money laundering. Evidence at trial established that GUILLOT, a former Marksville police officer, conspired with another individual to file a false insurance claim alleging that over \$10,000 in jewelry had been stolen. GUILLOT's co-conspirator was in Chapter 7 bankruptcy at the time of the filing of the false claim. State Farm Insurance issued a check in the amount of \$10,640 on the false insurance claim and the money was deposited into a savings account in GUILLOT's name in an effort to conceal the proceeds from his co-defendant's bankruptcy trustee.

GUILLOT was ordered to report to the Bureau of Prisons on May 22, 2006.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Alexandria Resident Agency, and the Louisiana State Police, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Mignonne Griffing.

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